

## Message Text

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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 1142

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: APER PDIP LA TH US  
SUBJECT: STATIONING VIENTIANE DEPENDENTS IN BANGKOK

REF: A) STATE 184750; B) 76, VIENTIANE 1723

1. AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE'S PROPOSAL ON ACCREDITING MARRIED  
VIENTIANE APERSONNEL ADDITIONALLY IN THAILAND SO THAT THEIR  
DEPENDENTS CAN RESIDE IN THAILAND MAKES SENSE TO ME.

2. IF THE LAO RAISE THE QUESTION OF DOUBLE ACCREDITATION  
WITH US, I THINK WE COULD PROBABLY SATISFY THEM WITH THE  
EXPLANATION SUGGESTED IN REF A, PARA 2.

3. WE ESTIMATE THAT THREE OR FOUR AMERICAN PERSONNEL HERE  
WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HAVING THEIR DEPENDENTS IN BANGKOK  
SAFE HAVEN.

4. THE SUGGESTION IN PARA 5, REF A, THAT WE MIGHT INTRO-  
DUCE DEPENDENTS INTO VIENTIANE ON 15-DAY VISAS AND THEN  
ATTEMPT TO EXTEND THESE VISAS SUBSEQUENTLY IS ANOTHER  
MATTER ENTIRELY. AS DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL, MFA  
CHEF DE CABINET SOUBANH (REF B), WHEN HE GAVE US THE  
FIRST SIGNAL THAT THE LPDR WAS GOING TO CUT DOWN OUR  
AMERICAN PERSONNEL, MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT THE  
LPDR WAS TAKING THE STEP BECAUSE WE HAD "NOTHING FOR  
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LAOS." IF IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY CHANGE IN THE ECONOMIC  
ASSISTANCE SITUATION WE ATTEMPT THE GAMBIT MENTIONED IN  
PARA 5, REF A, WE WILL BE ASKING FOR TROUBLE. I WOULD  
EXPECT THIS TROUBLE WOULD TAKE THE FORM OF A FURTHER  
REDUCTION IN THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL  
AUTHORIZED BY THE LPDR AT THIS EMBASSY.

5. I BELIEVE WE SHOULD ALSO BEAR IN MIND THAT THE INITIAL DECISION TO REMOVE DEPENDENTS FROM VIENTIANE WAS MADE NOT BY THE LAO BUT BY THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE MY ARRIVAL HERE. NOTHING HAS HAPPENED SINCE MY ARRIVAL IN REGARD TO MEDICAL OR EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES OR HARASSMENT OF FOREIGNERS WHICH WOULD LEAD ME TO RECOMMEND A REVERSAL OF DEPARTMENT'S 1975 DECISION. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE HAVE HAD THREE WORKING WIVES AT VARIOUS TIMES OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS AND THAT ARRANGEMENT WORKED OUT VERY WELL IN EVERY CASE.  
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